“The possession of knowledge carries an ethical responsibility”- Explain this claim

KEY TOK TERMINOLOGY:

Areas of Knowledge:

* Ethics
* History
* Natural sciences

WOK:

* Sense Perception
* Emotion
* Reason

Introduction.

Possession of knowledge carries ethical responsibility though this can be called into question as people can have the knowledge and in some case chose not to utilize it correctly, yet in other circumstances people utilize it to help other people.

Human Sciences

WOK – sense perception and emotions

* NGO’s receive money from charities to go to countries such as Malawi to set up projects for locals, teaching them new skills and life lessons to better their standard of living.
* NGO’s feel responsible to share their knowledge to other who might not have such.
* Can gain this money with loaded questions when getting the money. They make it seem like they’ll give a whole new lifestyle to the poor, although they don’t show how they can disrupt culture and traditions within the country.
* Hidden benefits: makes the NGO’s feel better about themselves and other will look at them highly as they are helping the less fortunate

Natural Sciences

WOK – emotions and reason

* Volcanologists in Italy were sentenced six years in jail after misjudgment of how intense earthquake would be.
* Government felt threatened as people who lose their families obviously are for sending them to jail.
* Ethical responsibility to sentence them as it is the socially people think it is the correct thing to do.
* Governments might think it will bring closure to the families.
* Example of utliliranism. Creates maximum happiness.

Ethics

WOK – emotions and reason.

* Watching someone getting stabbed and almost at the point of death.
* Calling someone or trying to stop it risks your safety yet takes the other ones life.
* Walking away like it simply doesn’t happen. Generally, people walk away. When their own life comes into question people tend to lose their ethical responsibility and think about the definitional argument.

Conclusion.

With knowledge there is an automatic ethical responsibility?

Society has made us believe there is an ethical responsibility yet knowledge does not claim this, emotions does. It all depends on a matter of circumstance and person you might be. Perspectives of various people change and this is a major factor as knowledge changes with way you think.